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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**THE RESOURCES AGENCY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

**NOTIFICATION OF LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION**

All fields must be completed unless otherwise indicated.

(See enclosures for instructions.)

Notification Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timber Harvesting Plan (No. _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Application (No. _____)
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Gravel Extraction (No. _____)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

Application Information			
	Name	Address	Telephone/FAX
<b>Applicant:</b>	Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD)	2020 Barlow Lane Sebastopol, CA 95472	Business: 707-823-4662 Fax: 707-823-4608
<b>Operator:</b>	Lisa Hulette, Natural Resources Coordinator GRRCD	2020 Barlow Lane Sebastopol, CA 95472	Business: 707-823-4662 Fax: 707-823-4608
<b>Contractor:</b> (if known)	To be determined.		Business: Fax:
<b>Contact Person:</b> (if not applicant)	Prunuske Chatham, Inc. Kathie Lowrey, Environmental Restoration Planner	PO Box 828 Occidental, CA 95465	Business: 707-874-0102 ex 34 Fax: 707-874-1440
<b>Property Owner:</b>	Attachment 3: Confidential Landowner List		Business: Fax:

Project Location					
<b>Location Description:</b>	Estero Americano Ranch Restoration Program - 2004				
<b>County</b>			<b>Assessor's Parcel Number</b>		
Sonoma and Marin Counties			Attachment 3: Confidential Landowner List		
<b>USGS Map</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Latitude/Longitude</b>	
Valley Ford and Two Rock	See attached			See attached	
<b>Name of River, Stream, or Lake:</b>	Americano Creek; Ebabias Creek				
<b>Tributary To?</b>	Estero Americano, thence to Pacific Ocean				



## NOTIFICATION OF LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION

(Continued)

Name of Applicant: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Description							
Project Name:	Estero Americano Ranch Restoration Program - 2004-05						
Start Date:	6/15/2005	Completion Date:	10/15/2005	Project Cost:	\$ 400,000	Number of Stream Encroachments: (Timber Harvesting Plans Only)	n/a
Describe project below: (Attach separate pages if necessary)							
<p>The proposed projects are part of the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District's (RCD) Estero Americano Ranch Restoration Program for 2004-05 funded by the Coastal Conservancy. The project sites are located on private ranches in northwestern Marin and southwestern Sonoma Counties within the Estero Americano watershed, which is on the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's 303(d) list as impaired due to excessive sediment and nutrient loading. Through attendance at the UCCE's Ranch Management Plan Short Course, the landowners have developed Ranch Management Plans that identify key erosion sites on their properties that fit the criteria for successful riparian restoration and/or erosion control. The proposed projects have been designed to implement measures to address sedimentation, riparian management, and water quality issues, key factors in ameliorating existing adverse impacts to the Estero. Attachment 1 contains individual project plans and descriptions with photographs of existing conditions. Attachment 2 contains the watershed map of the Estero Americano with property boundaries and approximate locations of the project sites. Attachment 3 contains the Confidential Landowner List with directions to the project sites and details on specific locations. Please note that prior arrangements will need to be made by RCD staff for any site visits. Attachments 4-8 are biological evaluations.</p>							
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Attachments/Enclosures		
Attach or enclose the required documents listed below and check the corresponding boxes.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Description	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map showing project location, including distances and/or directions from nearest city or town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction plans and drawings pertaining to the project
Completed CEQA documents:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Draft or Final Environmental Impact Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Determination
Copies of applicable local, State, or federal permits, agreements, or other authorizations:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local. Describe: Sonoma Cnty Grading (Ranches 1, 4, 13, & 14). Marin Cnty Dam (Ranch 2)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State. Describe: RWQCB §401 certification; DWR for Stockpond Registration for Ranch # 2.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal. Describe: Army Corps of Engineers §404 concurrence.	

I hereby certify that all information contained in this notification is true and correct and that I am authorized to sign this document. I understand that in the event this information is found to be untrue or incorrect, I may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution and the Department may consider this notification to be incomplete and/or cancel any Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement issued pursuant to this notification. I understand that this notification is valid only for the project described herein and that I may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution for undertaking a project that differs from the one described herein, unless I have notified the Department of that project in accordance with Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

I understand that a Department representative may need to inspect the property where the project described herein will take place before issuing a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to this notification. In the event the Department determines that a site inspection is necessary, I hereby authorize the Department to enter the property where the project described herein will take place to inspect the property at any reasonable time and certify that I am authorized to grant the Department permission to access the property.

☒ I request the Department to first contact me at (insert telephone number) 707-874-0102, ext 34 to schedule a date and time to enter the property where the project described herein will take place and understand that this may delay the Department's evaluation of the project described herein.

*Kathie Lawrence*

Operator or Operator's Representative

*10/7/04*

Date



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	Yes	Maybe/ Uncertain	No	Please explain if you responded "yes" or "maybe/uncertain"
14. Will the project or activity affect fish, amphibians, insects, or other aquatic resources?		✓		Work will occur during the dry season when aquatic species are not likely to be present. Overall, the effects will be beneficial as the projects will reduce sediment, increase riparian vegetation and cover, and improve water quality.
15. Will the project or activity affect terrestrial wildlife?		✓		There may be temporary short-term disturbance to wildlife during construction. Long-term impacts are not anticipated. Habitat for terrestrial wildlife will be improved through the planting of native vegetation.
16. Are any endangered or rare plant species thought or known to occur in the area where the proposed project or activity will take place?		✓		The CNDDDB was reviewed for the potential occurrence of special status plants. A summary of this search is provided in Attachments 4, 5, 7, and 8.
17. Are any endangered or threatened fish, bird, or animal species thought or known to occur in the area where the proposed project or activity will take place?		✓		The CNDDDB was reviewed for the potential occurrence of special status animals. A summary of this search is provided in Attachments 4-6 and 8.
18. Have you contacted any other local, State, or federal agency regarding the project or activity?	✓			
a. If you answered "yes" to #18, please list the names of the agencies you have contacted:	A field consultation with Bill Cox from the Department of Fish and Game was conducted in spring 2004. Liz Lewis from Marin County Dept. of Public Works was contacted regarding local permit requirements for ranches within Marin County. The CNDDDB records were reviewed and summarized in the attached technical memo.			
19. Have you applied for or obtained any permit, agreement, or other authorization for your project or activity from any government agency?	✓			
a. If you answered "yes" to #19, please list the names or describe the permit, agreement, or authorization you have applied for or obtained:	An application is being submitted simultaneously to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for §401 certification and to the Army Corps of Engineers for §404 NWP concurrence. Sonoma County grading permits for Ranches 1, 4, and 11 and a dam permit from Marin County for Ranch 2 (see also, #12 above).			
20. Have any environmental documents pertaining to your project or activity been prepared?	✓			
a. If you answered "yes" to #20, please list the environmental documents that have been prepared:	Notice of Exemptions (Attachment 9); Ranches 1-11 Summary of California Natural Diversity Database (Attachment 4); Ranch 13 reports (Attachments 5-7); Ranch 14 report (Attachment 8).			

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA-THE RESOURCES AGENCY  
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Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor



**Lake and Streambed Alteration Program**  
Project Questionnaire

Complete the following questionnaire and submit it with your notification package. Please attach or enclose any additional information or documents that support or relate to your response.

	Yes	Maybe/ Uncertain	No	Please explain if you responded "yes" or "maybe/uncertain"
1. Will the project or activity involve work on the bank of a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Stabilization of eroding gullies and swales using rock and biotechnical erosion control measures. On Ranches 1 & 2, grade and sediment control structures will also be installed.
2. If you answered "yes" to #1, will the project or activity involve any of the following:				
a. Removal of any vegetation?	✓			Existing, non-native vegetation will be removed to facilitate repair of the erosion sites. All sites will be revegetated using permanent erosion control seed mixes. Many of the sites will be revegetated with native plants.
b. Excavation of the bank?	✓			Excavation will allow for the proper placement of erosion control materials and to recontour eroding banks to an appropriate slope.
c. Placement of piers?			✓	
d. Placement of bank protection or stabilization structures or materials (e.g., gabions, rip-rap, concrete slurry/sacks)?	✓			Biotechnical materials will be used in the repairs, including local, native willows and other native plants, and erosion control fabric. On several ranches, rock riprap, drain rock, soil, and/or concrete will be used as well.
3. Will the project or activity take place in, adjacent to, or near a river that has been designated as "wild and scenic" under state or federal law?			✓	
4. Will the project or activity involve work in the bed or channel of a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Minor excavation and recontouring of the bed may be necessary to allow the channels to be stabilized with erosion control materials and structures. See Attachment 2 and project plans.
5. Will the project or activity involve the placement of any permanent or temporary structure in a river, stream, or lake?	✓			Permanent structures will include grade and sediment control structures (Ranches 1 and 2) and rock and biotechnical headcut, bank, and channel stabilization structures. See Attachment 2 and project plans.